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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Maliena Slaby, 32, of Arcadia, Wisconsin, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz to 24 months in prison and ordered to pay \$197,248.80 in restitution to her former employer, the Fastenal Company of Winona, Minnesota. Slaby pleaded guilty to possessing a forged security from Fastenal on February 20, 2007.

During the plea hearing in February, Slaby acknowledged that while she was employed in the accounting department of the Fastenal Company, she forged company checks, making the checks payable to herself in the total amount of approximately \$197,000. She cashed the checks and used the funds for her personal benefit.

The charge against Maliena Slaby was the result of an investigation conducted by the La Crosse Resident Agency of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Grant C. Johnson.

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